

FIRE DESTROYS WIRELESS STATION

Buildings And Contents Of Plant Owned By Government Go Up In Flames Today Near Beaufort

New Bern April 16—Fire of unknown origin today destroyed the wireless station near Beaufort. The fire gained such headway that it was impossible to save the buildings and contents. The plant is owned by the government and the loss is valued at about one hundred dollars.

GUN WAS LOADED

Mrs. W. H. Mason left Thursday morning for Norfolk to be with her daughter, Mrs. E. F. Forrest, whose little four-year-old son, William, was severely hurt by a little playmate. The boy was badly wounded though not fatally.

The boys were playing in a room alone and in some way got possession of a pistol, which, unknown to them, was loaded. While romping together the pistol was accidentally discharged.

Mrs. Forrest, who was in a room down stairs, heard the report, and running to investigate, found her son on the floor with his playmate tearfully bending over him.

The wounded child was rushed to a hospital at once, where it was found that the bullet had not touched any vital organ. It was extracted and the little boy is recovering from the wound.

Blames Federation For Labor Conditions

Topkap Kansas, April 16—Responsibility for labor conditions in the Kansas coal field is placed on the American Federation of Labor by Governor Allen who said today that labor officials are fighting to hold their offices and not for the protection of the workers.

STUMBLES OVER BRUSH HEAP HER SHOULDER IS BROKEN

A pile of branches, of trees and shrubs that had been lying in the yard, was the cause of a painful accident to Mrs. Moses Palmer on Greenleaf street Thursday morning.

Mrs. Palmer was walking in her yard, and stumbling over the pile, became entangled in the branches and falling, hurt her shoulder. Dr. Zenas Fearing and Dr. Herbert Walker were summoned, and had Mrs. Palmer carried at once to Dr. Parker's office for an X-Ray examination. It was found that her shoulder was broken.

CHESSON—EGERTON

Invitations have been received in the city as follows: Mr. Frank Nichols Egerton requests the pleasure of your company at the marriage of his daughter Kathleen to Mr. Ernest Sinclair Chesson, Jr. on Wednesday the fifth of May at nine o'clock in the evening at his residence in Louisburg, North Carolina.

Will be at home after eighteenth of May at Two Hundred and Seven Church Street, Elizabeth City, N. C.

FLEET WILL ASSEMBLE

San Francisco, April 16—The Pacific fleet will assemble in San Francisco Bay during the Democratic convention according to Admiral Rodman.

DISCUSS NEW PARTY

J. P. Mason City, Mo. April 16—Representatives of the Liberals met here today to discuss the formation of a new national party.

BEAUTIFUL HOME FOR SALE

Situated on our Penn. Ave and Cypress street. Formerly occupied by Mrs. I. N. Loftin. I will receive sealed bids for this property until May 1st 1920. All bids subject to be accepted or rejected. All bids confidential. Address O. F. Gilbert, Agt. for Mrs. R. N. Parsons.

Mrs. Thomas Nixon of Hertford was in the city Friday.

Commencement Great Success

April Ninth Will Long Be Remembered Thruout Currituck County

Poplar Branch, April 13—April 9th, 1920, will be recorded as a memorable day in Currituck county's educational history. Practically two thousand people gathered at Poplar Branch to witness the county commencement.

The parade of school children scheduled to be the opening feature of the program was called off on account of rain. The literary exercises including recitation and declamation contests from Grammar and High School grades; spelling and other athletic events, showed preparation and proved most entertaining. Everyone enjoyed the music furnished by Zella C. Bank. A highlight feature of the day was the story telling and games for the children by Miss Katharine Hinton, of Elizabeth City.

Hallet S. Ward, who was introduced by Dr. J. C. Baum made an instructive address emphasizing the necessity of improving school conditions, saying that the school room is the place where many homes are brought in contact with the better things in life; that the school takes the place of many homes and teaches some of the fundamental principles of life which very often the home neglects.

W. J. Tate, Chairman of the Board of Education, with a few very appropriate remarks delivered certificates to a large number of boys and girls completing the 7th grade. Names of 50 have been reported to the county superintendent up to the date of commencement as having passed their examinations, and there will probably be a total of seventy five certified to certificates at the close of the present school term. This year the county school system has done better than any previous year in the development which will do much for the school system.

Certificates were received by: Atlanta No. 4, Buck; Ardele Edwards; Linwood Tillett; Lorenz Olds.

Poplar Branch No. 4, Ayldette; Bibba O'Neal; Crawford No. 6, Currituck; Edna Boswood, Minnie Kirl, Edna Walker, Lawrence, Norval Walker, Thos. Snowden; Crawford No. 5, Tulls; Edna Harrell, Goldie Harrell, Helge Doney, Wiley Harrell.

1919 class certificates not awarded, Pearl Doney, Nettie Harrell, Ada Harrell.

Poplar Branch No. 7, Jarvisburg; Mildred Ballance, Alma Owens, Frank Wagoner, Clayton Forbes; Crawford No. 1, Indiantown; Josie Williams, Mildred Flora Sarah Bray, Emma Roberts, Frank Robert, Frank Ayldette, Orla Baum Alberta Parker.

Poplar Branch No. 5 Poplar Branch; Mary Poyner, Polly O'Neal; Poplar Branch No. 9, Harbinger; Willie Belangia, Beatrice Sawyer, Eloise Ayldette, Zella Owens.

Poplar Branch No. 6, Grandy; Elizabeth Simpson, Marvin L. Simpson.

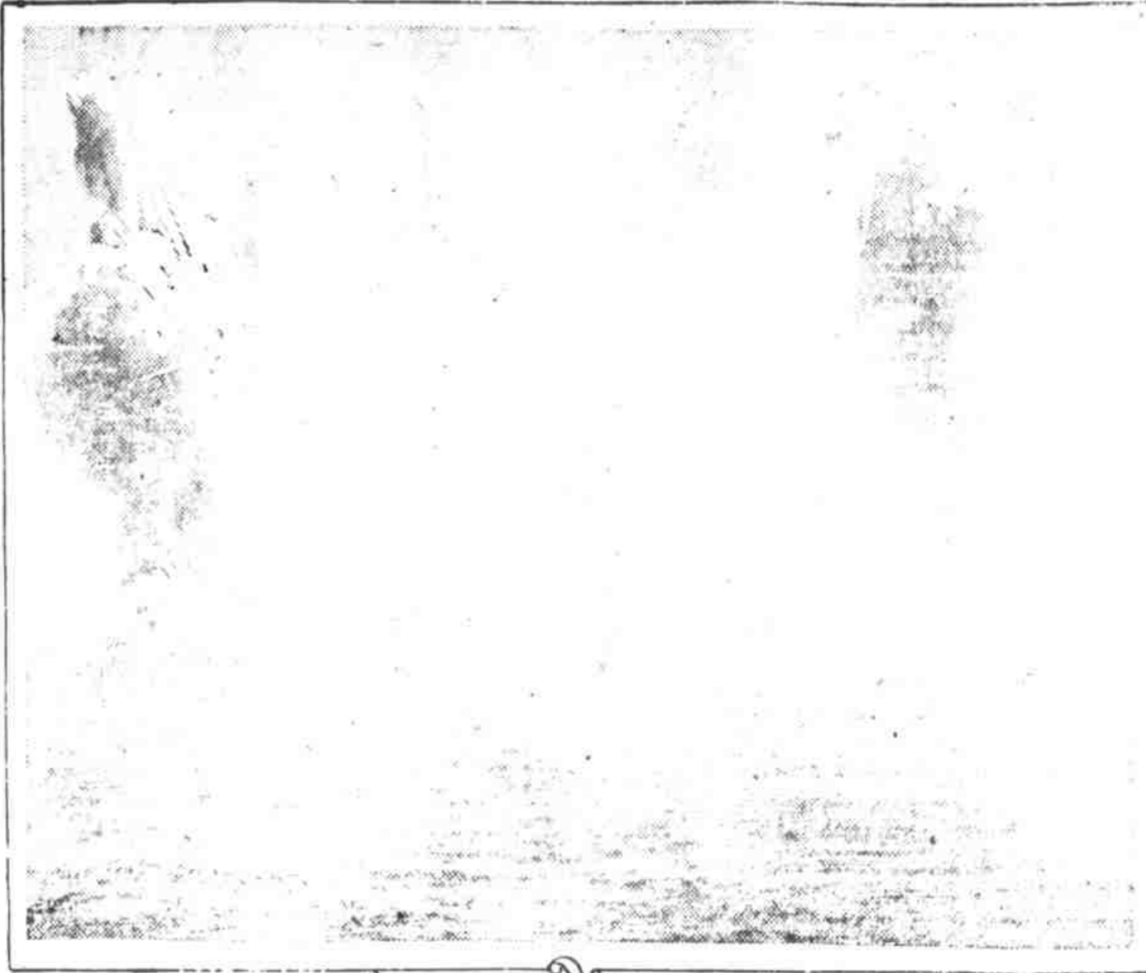
Fruitville No. 3, Seagull; Elizabeth Morse; Moyock No. 2, Moyock; Emma Ayldette, Allie Creekmore, Francis Jones, Elizabeth Poyner, Walter Poyner, Harry Sears.

Crawford, N. A. Corner Gum; Harold Gregory, Bertha Ferebee, Jane Ballance; Belle Island; Louise Saunders; Medals and prizes were awarded as follows:

Medal Grammar grade Recitation—Julia Sawyer, Bero; Medal Grammar grade Declamation—Graham Poyner, Moyock; Meday High School Recitation—Mildred Doney, Poplar Branch; Medal High School Declamation—Weiden Jones, Moyock.

Fountain Pen—Best Speller—Clara Midgett, Powells Point; Fountain Pen—Best North Carolina Map—Polly O'Neal, Poplar Branch; Picture President Wilson—School making best exhibit—Poplar Branch; Picture American Flag—Having largest per cent of enrollment present, Belle Island.

OUR CRACK-SHOT NAVY CRACKSHOOTING



The super-dreadnought M. S. S. Arizona is considered the champion shot of the navy. Above picture shows the Arizona firing a salvo of turret guns at a target ten miles away. Eleven white "Es" (for excellency of gunnery) is the record held by the battleship.

WISEMAN GETS THIRTY YEARS

Convicted of Murder and Sentenced to Death But Comuted by Governor

Richmond, Va. April 16—The death sentence of Aaron Wilson, convict of the murder of Dr. E. A. Hensley, of Greensboro, Burke County, Va., has been commuted to thirty years by the Governor. In granting commutation the Governor stated he could not allow a man to be executed "where the evidence was so contradictory and where two justices of the Supreme Court held the prisoner improperly convicted."

WANT APPROVAL OF WILSON

Paris, April 16—The Council of the Ambassadors, reply to Hungarian objections to the Peace Treaty is awaiting the approval of President Wilson regarding certain clauses.

FUNERAL OF INFANT

The funeral of Francis William Upton, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Upton of this city who died Wednesday at the age of five days was conducted from the home Thursday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. J. M. Ormond. The interment was in Hollywood cemetery.

THEODORE N. VAIL DIES

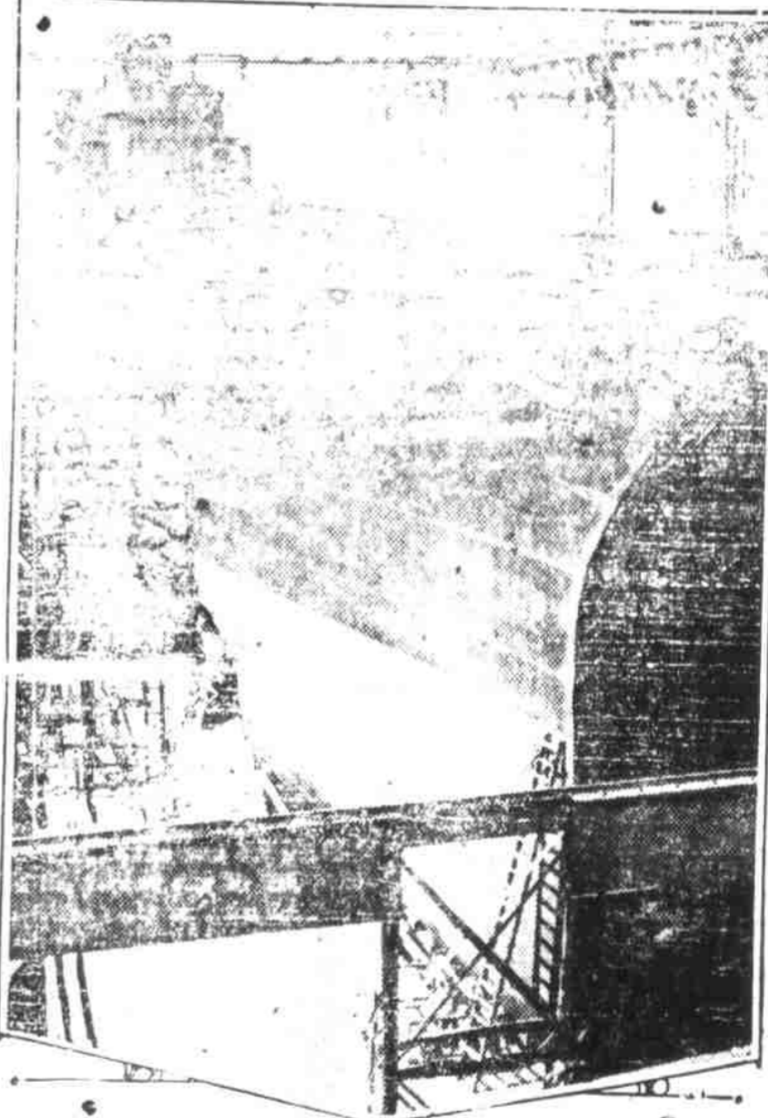
New York, April 16—Theodore N. Vail, chairman of the directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, died today in Baltimore.

YARDMEN BACK TO WORK

New Orleans, April 16—Striking yardmen are returning to work today as individuals. A few still remain out according to officials of the railroads.

Loving Cup—School making most points in athletics—Poplar Branch; Base ball bat—Boy making most points in athletics—Clinton Wright; Standing Broad Jump—Clinton Wright, Poplar Branch; Standing High Jump—He; Parron Gallop and Clinton Wright, both Poplar Branch; Running Broad Jump—Clinton Wright, Poplar Branch; Running High Jump, Clinton Wright Poplar Branch; 100 Yard Dash—Ralph Powers—Moyock; Relay Race—Poplar Branch; Basket Ball Poplar Branch.

SHE'S A WHOPPER—NAVY'S BIGGEST



NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—The battleship "Maryland," the largest ship ever constructed for the United States Navy, was launched March 14th. She is 600 feet long, 97 feet broad and has a displacement of 32,000 tons. Her main battery will be composed of eight 16-inch guns, the heaviest used on a naval craft.

JUST OUT OF PRISON IS AGAIN ON TRIAL

Greenville, April 16—Charles Howard, who has just finished a five-year term in the Atlanta Federal prison, was today placed on trial here in Federal Court charged with safe cracking.

WANT USE U. S. TERRITORY

Washington April 16—Mexico today asked permission to move troops through American territory to attack Sonora from the North. No action has been taken here.

BLEW UP VATS

Jacksonville, Fla. April 16—Undeathed persons today blew up the cattle dipping vats at Whitestone near here.

ANOTHER HUNGER STRIKE

Dublin, April 16—Another hunger strike is reported today among the political prisoners at Mount Joy.

LOST—THURSDAY ON E. MAIN street, one lady's brown kid glove. Kindly notify Bernice Twiddy, Phone 341 J. apr16-2t

NAMES NORTH CAROLINIAN

Washington, April 16—President Wilson today nominated Whithead Klutz of North Carolina on the board of mediation and conciliation.

MERCHANTS MEET TO-NIGHT

The Merchants Association meets to-night at 7:30. Members are urged to attend, as matters of first importance will be taken up.

LEAVES PASQUOTANK

W. J. Albertson has sold his farm in Newland township and has purchased by Stott farm of 194 acres near Deep Creek, Va. He will move to his new home about January 1. Mr. Albertson is a former member of the Pasquotank Highway Commission and one of the most prominent farmers in the county.

A marriage license was issued Thursday by the Register of Deeds, to Bernard Wesley Ennis of Norfolk and Hazel Anne Franklin of Clifton Forge, Va.

STRIKERS BACK TO WORK TODAY

Railroad Labor Board Assembles. Conditions Improving Following Arrests Yesterday By Government

Washington, April 16—Direct government intervention in the strike took place today when the Railroad Labor Board assembled.

The strikers were voted to return to work stipulated that their demands be referred to the Labor Board.

Teacherhood and railroad officials declared today that unless they are met the strike is nearing the end. They said the ultimatum of the railroad giving the strikers until Sunday is certain to work with a blow to the strikers' morale.

Disorganization of the strike by the railroad and by West, it is believed, will mean a return from the government's arrest of twenty-four strike leaders.

Striking railroad employees in the Potomac yards, freight gateway to the South, returned to work today.

Demented Prisoner Sings All Night

Steubenville, O. April 16—Harry Miller who confessed to the murder of Frances South, kept the other prisoners in the county jail here awake all night singing.

County officials say the prisoner is demented and his condition is becoming worse.

DONNING THE DENIM IN ELIZABETH CITY

Nobody admits that there is actual denim clothing in the city, but if any one has seen any boys around here wearing baggy and looking like they belonged in it, too.

The James Robertson and Dr. Zenas Fearing have given credit for the denim boys, which is the tip-off of our Southern towns, to wear denim in lieu of our own high priced clothing.

The denim boys are enthusiastic about the plan, too, and the girls and women are all ready to fall in line and save money on clothing.

Uneasiness Felt For Relief Workers

Constantinople, April 16. Messengers report heavy fighting between the Turks and Armenians at Ankh.

The Armenians are occupying American Mission buildings.

Great uneasiness is felt for thirteen American relief workers there.

GENERAL GORGAS GOES TO PERU

New York April 16. Major General Gorgas arriving here today said that he would soon leave the West African coast on his mission to Peru to investigate conditions respecting the spread and combating of tropical fevers.

CIVIL WAR THREATENS

Shanghai, April 16—Serious disturbances have occurred at Hona, China, and civil war threatens, according to reports received here.

LEAVES IN GOOD CONDITION

New Orleans, April 16. Members of the Mississippi River Commission said today that the Levers are in good condition and are able to take care of an unusually large volume of water at present.

HAIL KILLS CHICKENS

Pensacola, Fla. April 16—Hailstones as large as pebbles fell here today, damaging gardens and killing chickens.

LEPERS SEEK HEALING

New Orleans April 15—Two lepers were found today among the throng seeking treatment from an alleged faith healer.

SPECIAL CANDY SALE—JUST

received 100 boxes of those delicious Chocolate covered Whipped Cream Chocolates. Special price for Saturday only 44c per box. Standard Pharmacy. fp t & nap.